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Mr. Harold P. Cahoon Interstate Brick Division P.O. Box 517 West Jordan, Utah 84084

Dear Mr. Cahoon:

Koosharem Clay Mine - ML 27110 and ML 27206

This is a recap of the November 15, 1976, meeting between myself, Mr. John Glenn of your office, Mr. Tex Williams and Mr. Lynn Findley of the Fishlake National Forest.

We inspected the portion of the Koosharem Clay Mine which is located on State land and confirmed that recent mining activity has encroached upon a 66 foot right-ofway (#1301) which was granted the Forest Service by the State in 1971. We also confirmed that the steepness and depth of the clay pit at the point of encroachment presents an extremely hazardous situation for vehicular traffic using the Forest Service road.

In light of the above, the Division of State Lands asks that the following measures be taken:

- 1. Interstate Brick should immediately construct a safety barrier along that portion of the road where a danger exists because of its mining operations. (Interstate Brick may also want to post caution signs at strategic points on both sides of the hazardous zone.)
- Interstate Brick should, at its own expense, restore the integrity of the Forest Service's easement. Interstate Brick may decide that its long term mining plans will necessitate rerouting a portion of the easement. Before any rerouting is done, Interstate will consult with and obtain the approval of both the Forest Service and the Division of State Lands. Once an acceptable route is decided upon, it will be necessary for the Forest Service to write to the Division of State Lands (Attention: Lowell Johnson) and formally request that Right-of-Way No. 1301 be amended in order to incorporate the route change. If the

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amended right-of-way is longer than the original right-of-way then any difference in cost should be paid by Interstate Brick.

Since the mining plan under which Interstate Brick is currently operating on Forest Service Lands will expire on December 31, 1976, and since the Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 requires that a mining and reclamation plan covering the Koosharem Clay Mine (including Federal, State and private lands) be submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining by July 1, 1977; it is suggested that Interstate Brick prepare one unified mining and reclamation plan which will satisfy both the Forest Service and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. This plan would need to be submitted prior to any additional mining activity.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

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